The Wayback Machine - https://web.archive.org/web/20260819012731/https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/google-ai-studio-delete-fraud-level1techs-community-fails…

Google AI Studio 'Delete' Fraud: Level1Techs Community Fails to Disprove the GDPR Backend Retention Proof

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I took my technical and legal evidence regarding Google AI Studio's fake data deletion to **Level1Techs** — one of the most rigorous, independent engineering communities on the web.

The result? **The corporate defense completely collapsed.**

The Technical Checkmate:

- **The "Delete" button is a UI Illusion:** Pressing "Delete" in Google AI Studio does not wipe your prompt or session from Google's servers; it merely tosses the JSON pointer file into your Google Drive trash.
- **The "Blind Robot" Proof:** The Google Drive File Recovery tool operates strictly within cloud storage and has zero physical access to Google AI backend servers. When this blind tool restores the JSON file after the trash is emptied, the AI Studio session **instantly reloads with its full prior context and running state**.
- **The Inevitable Conclusion:** This proves beyond doubt that Google's backend servers **never received a deletion signal** and continued storing the data uninterrupted.

The Legal Reality (TOS vs. GDPR):

When defenders attempted to shield Google using corporate Terms of Service ("you agreed to soft-deletion"), the legal hierarchy shattered their argument:

1. **A corporate TOS NEVER supersedes statutory law.** Under **GDPR Article 17 (Right to Erasure)**, a user-commanded deletion legally mandates the complete destruction of data from production backend systems.

2. Even US forum members had to openly concede: *“You may well have a point with European law.”*

When faced with verifiable server logic, DPO notifications, and irreversible proof, the defenders had zero technical counter-arguments left.

The full audit trail and independent thread are permanently archived here:

https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-illegally-retains-customer-data-and-i-am-taking-legal-action-against-them/253945

https://archive.ph/3heYC

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https://archive.ph/1gwgO

https://archive.ph/1gwgO/image

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`https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-illegally-retains-customer-data-and-i-am-taking-legal-action-against-them/253945/26`

> **Please upload your videos and the timestamped recovery emails exactly as requested. This entire topic was created for that purpose.**
>
> I trust *this* community far more than the Google Developers Forum, because over there the Google fanboys are openly hostile and defensive. They are afraid for their own status and they attack anyone who exposes Google's backend behavior. They are not interested in truth — they are interested in protecting Google.
>
> Here, people actually care about technical reality.
>
> Google's developers and moderators have already tried to hide from me. They ignored my DPO letters, they changed the UI text instead of fixing the backend, and they pretend the deletion is real even though the JSON-restore test proves the opposite.

> **This is why I am asking you — this community — to help by uploading your evidence.**
>
> ### What I need from you:
>
> - Upload your **full video** of the deletion test (exactly as shown in my demonstration).
> - Upload your **automatic Google recovery email** with the **timestamp visible**.
> - Post both here in the thread.
>
> This is the only way we can move forward with legal action against Google. Independent replications from multiple users make the case undeniable.
>
> Google has already tried to disappear from the conversation — but they cannot hide from a community-verified evidence set.
>
> Thank you.

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https://archive.ph/88zGT/image

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Bitu79 6 August 17, 2026, 8:40am

https://archive.ph/IcG2Y

https://archive.ph/IcG2Y/image

Bitu79 7 August 17, 2026, 8:47am

https://archive.ph/CNnfG

https://archive.ph/CNnfG/image

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https://archive.ph/RFA0E

https://archive.ph/RFA0E/image

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The Level1Techs forum is even worse than the Google AI Developers Forum. Trolls sabotaged it with spam and personal attacks. This proves that this place is completely indifferent to real backend data privacy and architectural transparency. The backup and the original page can be found here:

https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-illegally-retains-customer-data-and-i-am-taking-legal-action-against-them/253945

https://ghostarchive.org/archive/mIc2Y

I never thought there could be a place lower than the Google AI Developers Forum. 😆

It looks like they deleted the post and made it hidden in the meantime.

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https://archive.ph/x3tiC/image

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I have restarted the thread here:

https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-illegally-retains-customer-data/253977

Bitu79 12 August 17, 2026, 2:01pm

https://archive.ph/ESMux

https://archive.ph/ESMux/image

Bitu79 13 August 17, 2026, 2:55pm

Update: What happened with the independent Level1Techs audit thread:

I took the Google AI Studio data retention evidence to the independent engineering community on Level1Techs, and the thread exploded with activity.

After corporate defenders completely ran out of software arguments and tried to derail the discussion, the site owner and admin (**wendell**) officially stepped in with a Staff Post. He directly acknowledged that the original post and evidence contain **“genuine value” and a “legit piece of breaking news”** regarding Google’s backend data retention practices.

The administration is purging the troll spam from the discussion to keep the focus strictly on the core technical indictment, and the entire unedited record—including the community breakdown and the admin’s statement—

is permanently preserved here:
👉 **https://ghostarchive.org/archive/cG78K**

The independent engineering world has reviewed the software logic and acknowledged the facts. The audit is unstoppable.

Bitu79 14 August 17, 2026, 2:59pm

https://archive.ph/9ar7h

https://archive.ph/9ar7h/image

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Update regarding the independent community review:

I highly recommend everyone check the permanent archive of the Level1Techs thread. It is truly hilarious to see how a supposedly professional tech community completely collapsed when faced with my technical evidence.

Instead of addressing the proven server-side data retention and GDPR violations, the users there resorted to posting steak photos, cat GIFs, and fake AI-generated psychiatric reports. It is a textbook example of idiotic, bad-faith behavior and intellectual defeat. When they ran out of logic, they turned the discussion into a circus.

The archive is a must-read for anyone who wants to see how “experts” act when they have zero arguments left against the truth:
👉 **https://ghostarchive.org/archive/cG78K**

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https://archive.ph/eJI65

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The “Independent” Gatekeeper Exposed: How Level1Techs Silenced the Whistleblower

I took the Google AI Studio backend fraud evidence to **Level1Techs**, a supposedly independent community. The reaction from the site owner, **wendell**, is the ultimate proof of how Big Tech is protected even outside its own walls.

Look at his official Staff Post (attached screenshot):

1. **The Admission:** He openly admits that I brought a **“legit piece of breaking news”** and that the documentation has **“genuine value.”** He knows the technical evidence against Google is 100% real.
2. **The Character Assassination:** Instead of holding Google accountable, he attacked me personally, calling my documentation and defense against trolls **“asshattery”** and saying I was **“acting like an ass.”**
3. **The Silence:** He officially silenced my account and threatened to delete the entire thread. Why? Because the technical truth was “too loud” for his comfortable forum.
4. **The Hypocrisy:** He used a Mark Twain quote about “stupid people” to insult me, while his own long-time members were the ones deraililng the topic with steak photos and cat GIFs.

Wendell is now a main character in my documentation. He is the perfect example of a “gatekeeper” who acknowledges the fraud but chooses to kill the messenger to protect the “peace” of his corporate-friendly ecosystem.

You can purge the comments and silence my account, but you cannot delete the fact that you chose to side with the “Fortress” over the truth. **Everything is archived. The audit continues.**

👉 **Full Archive of the Level1Techs Sabotage: https://ghostarchive.org/archive/cG78K**

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https://archive.ph/OGBKZ

https://archive.ph/OGBKZ/image

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Update on Level1Techs Censorship & GDPR Violation:

After bringing unassailable technical proof regarding Google AI Studio’s backend data retention to Level1Techs, the forum administration ultimately banned my account and silenced my presence.

Following the ban, I formally exercised my **Right to Erasure under GDPR Article 17**, demanding the complete deletion of my account and all associated posts. Instead of honoring this legal request, the site owner chose a fraudulent path: **they kept my posts public while merely changing my username to an anonymous handle.** They refused to delete my intellectual property because my technical findings drive traffic and SEO value to their website.

This is pure hypocrisy and content theft. They want to silence the author, but they want to keep the views for themselves.

Here is the complete, permanently archived documentation of the original threads, the unlisted topics, and the evidence of this ongoing GDPR violation:

1. Main Indictment Thread:

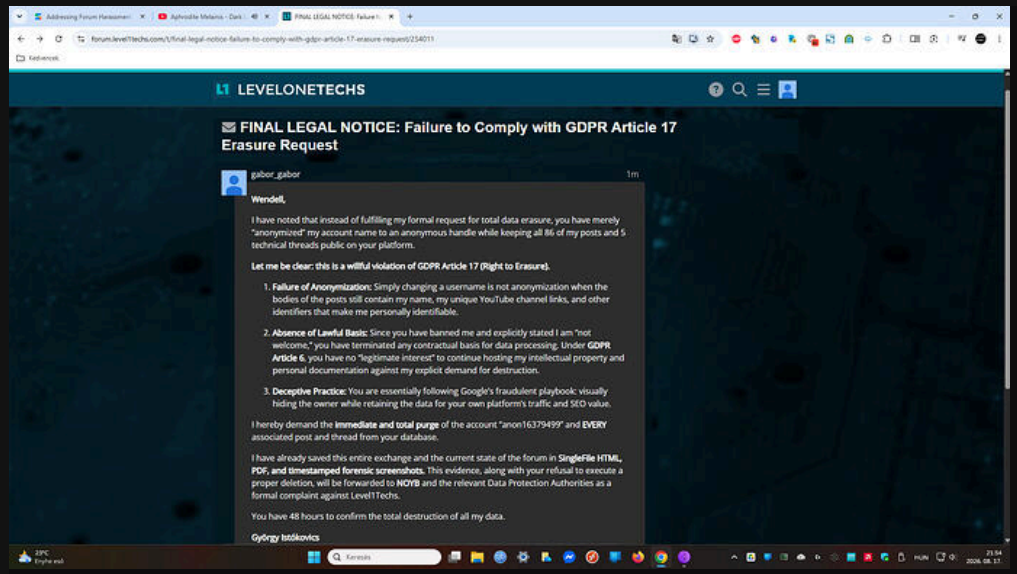
- Topic: **https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-illegally-retains-customer-data-and-i-am-taking-legal-action-against-them/253945**
- Archive: **https://ghostarchive.org/archive/Jn2kd**

2. Second Supporting Thread:

- Topic: **https://forum.level1techs.com/t/proof-that-google-is-stealing-data-deleted-prompts-are-still-retained-in-the-backend/253529**
- Archive: **https://archive.ph/yu8FK** (**Image**)

3. Unlisted (Hidden) Technical Topics:

- Topic A: **https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-ai-studio-s-delete-button-is-misleading/253861**
  - Archive: **https://archive.ph/bNMyE** (**Image**)
- Topic B: **https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-ai-studio-s-delete-button-is-misleading/253858**
  - Archive: **https://archive.ph/6Rq6r** (**Image**)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FINAL LEGAL NOTICE: Failure to Comply with GDPR Article 17 Erasure Request
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Wendell,
I have noted that instead of fulfilling my formal request for total data erasure, you have merely "anonymized" my account name to an anonymous handle while keeping all 86 of my posts and 5 technical threads public on your platform.
Let me be clear: this is a willful violation of GDPR Article 17 (Right to Erasure).
1. Failure of Anonymization: Simply changing a username is not anonymization when the bodies of the posts still contain my name, my unique YouTube channel links, and other identifiers that make me personally identifiable.
2. Absence of Lawful Basis: Since you have banned me and explicitly stated I am "not welcome," you have terminated any contractual basis for data processing. Under GDPR Article 6, you have no "legitimate interest" to continue hosting my intellectual property and personal documentation against my explicit demand for destruction.
3. Deceptive Practice: You are essentially following Google's fraudulent playbook: visually hiding the owner while retaining the data for your own platform's traffic and SEO value.
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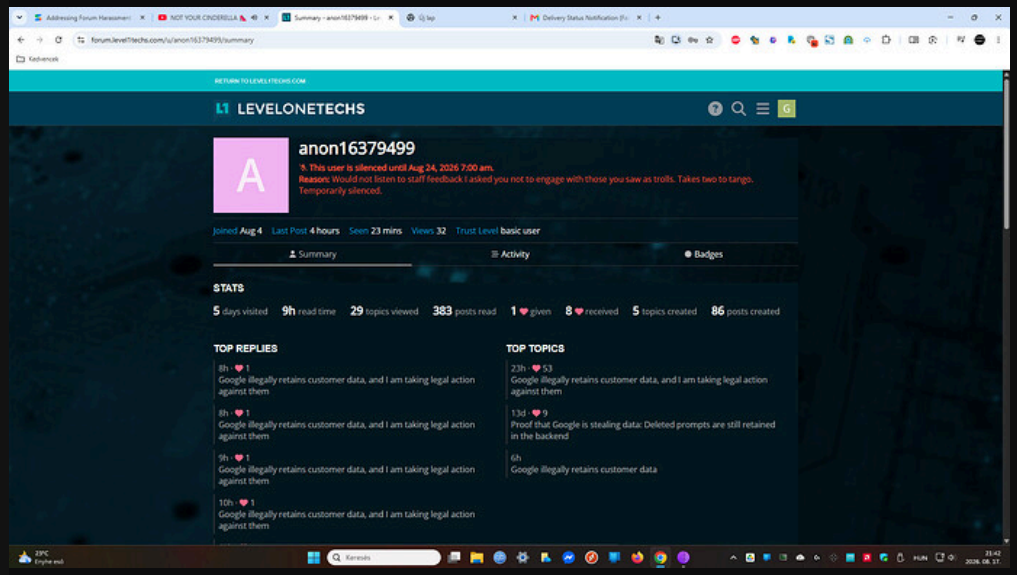
You have 48 hours to confirm the total destruction of all my data.
György Istókovics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LEVELONETECHS
anon16379499
This user is silenced until Aug 24, 2026 7:00 am.
Reason: Would not listen to staff feedback I asked you not to engage with those you saw as trolls. Takes two to tango.
Temporarily silenced.
Joined Aug 4 Last Post 4 hours Seen 23 mins Views 32 Trust Level basic user
Summary
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5 days visited 9h read time 29 topics viewed 383 posts read 1 given 8 received 5 topics created 86 posts created
TOP REPLIES
8h · 1
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Proof that Google is stealing data: Deleted prompts are still retained in the backend
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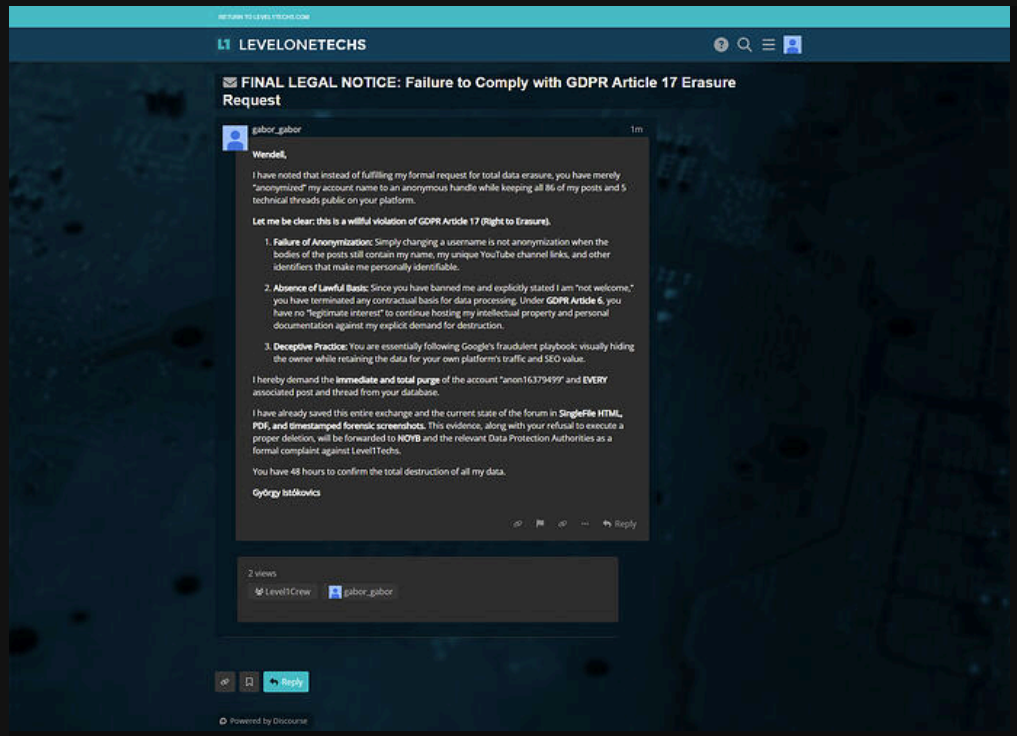
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Level1Crew
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Bitu79 21 August 17, 2026, 9:20pm

https://archive.ph/qfRO1

https://archive.ph/qfRO1/image

Bitu79 22 August 17, 2026, 9:46pm

I recorded a video of myself submitting the deletion request through the form on **https://level1techs.com** to have all my posts removed.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaP6RAeeGwE

Bitu79 23 August 17, 2026, 9:51pm

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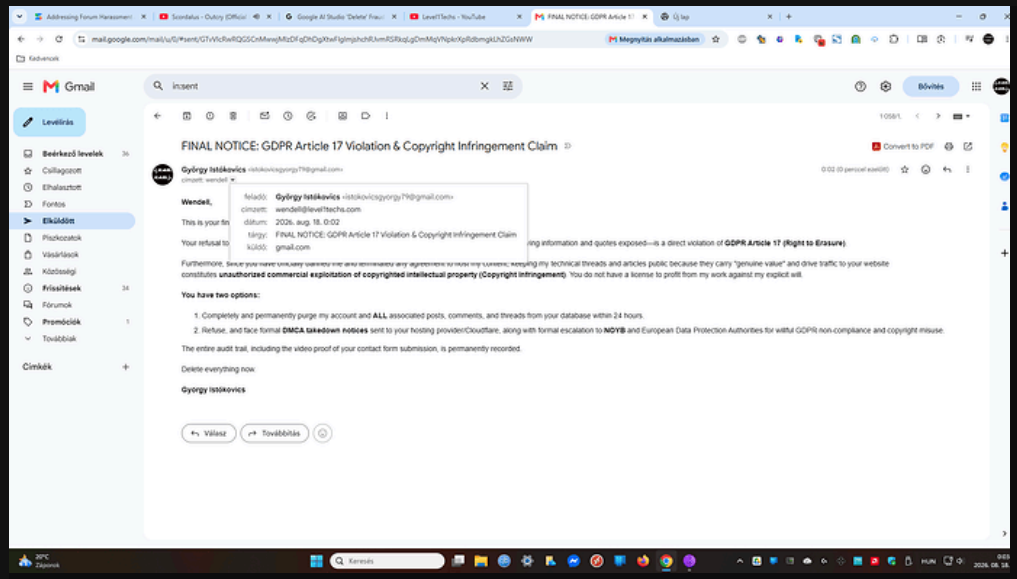
Bitu79 24 August 17, 2026, 10:05pm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Furthermore, since you have officially banned me and terminated any agreement to host my content, keeping my technical threads and articles public because they carry "genuine value" and drive traffic to your website constitutes unauthorized commercial exploitation of copyrighted intellectual property (Copyright Infringement). You do not have a license to profit from my work against my explicit will.
You have two options:
1. Completely and permanently purge my account and ALL associated posts, comments, and threads from your database within 24 hours.
2. Refuse, and face formal DMCA takedown notices sent to your hosting provider/Cloudflare, along with formal escalation to NOYB and European Data Protection Authorities for willful GDPR non-compliance and copyright misuse.
The entire audit trail, including the video proof of your contact form submission, is permanently recorded.
Delete everything now.
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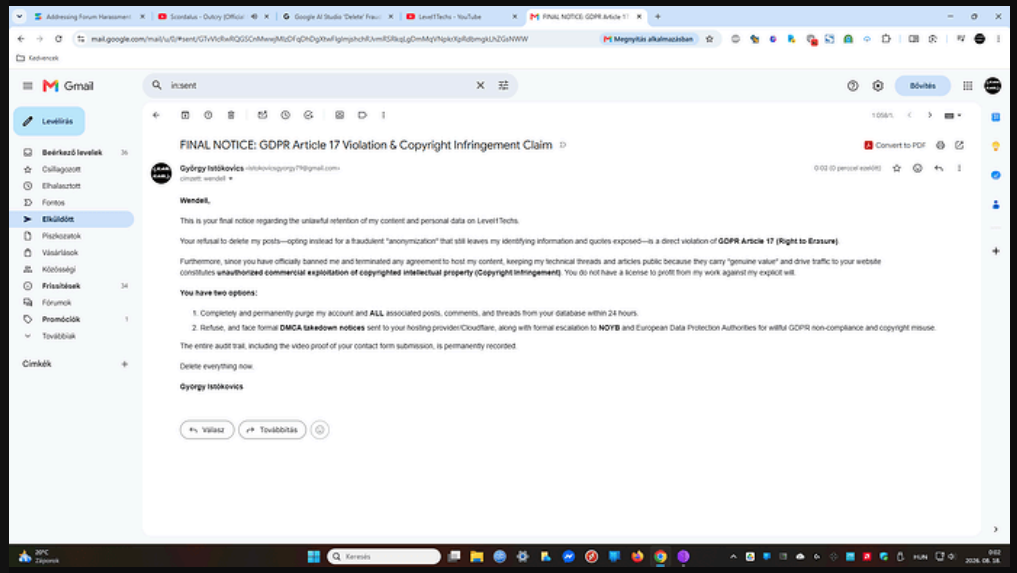
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UPDATE: Direct Legal & Copyright Notice Sent to Level1Techs Administration

Since the Level1Techs admin attempted a fraudulent “anonymization” instead of executing a proper GDPR erasure, and continues to host my copyrighted technical research against my explicit will, I have officially ser a formal direct legal and copyright notice to his email address (wendell@level1techs.com).

Bitu79 25 August 17, 2026, 10:12pm

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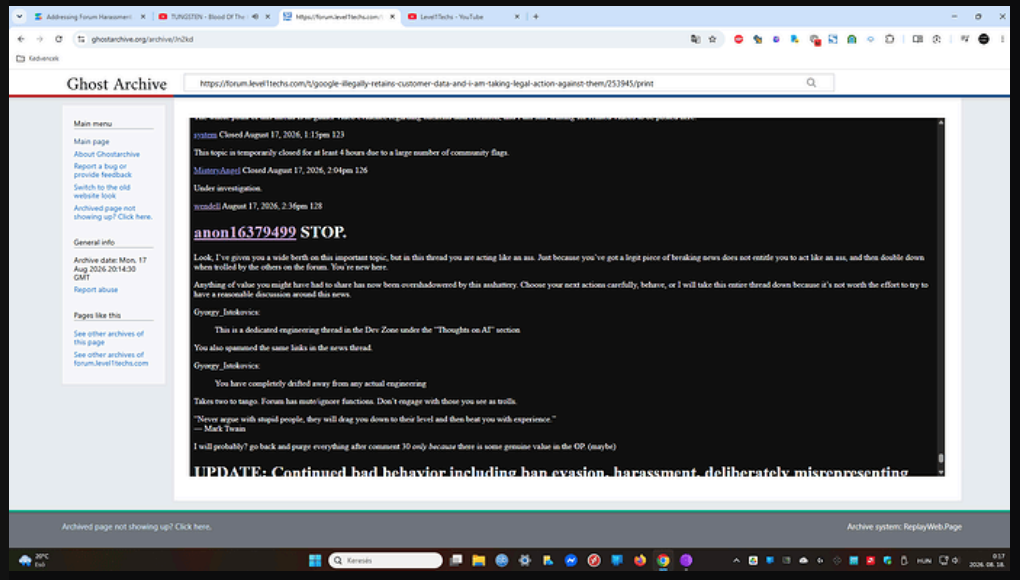
Bitu79 26 August 17, 2026, 10:31pm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system Closed August 17, 2026, 1:15pm 123
This topic is temporarily closed for at least 4 hours due to a large number of community flags.
MisterAngel Closed August 17, 2026, 2:04pm 126
Under investigation.
wendell August 17, 2026, 2:36pm 128
anon16379499 STOP.
Look, I've given you a wide berth on this important topic, but in this thread you are acting like an ass. Just because you've got a legit piece of breaking news does not entitle you to act like an ass, and then double down when trolled by the others on the forum. You're new here.
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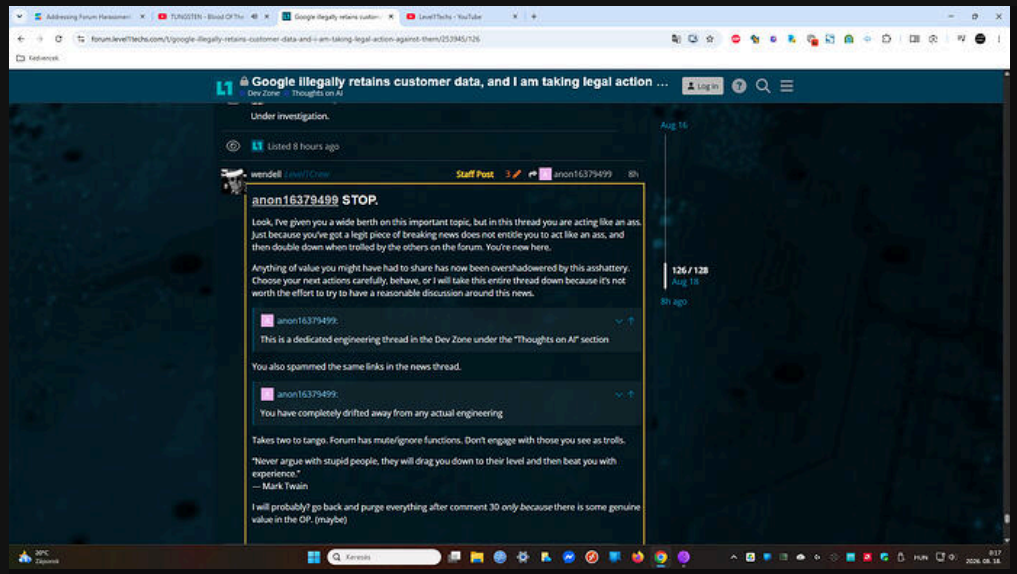
UPDATE: Continued bad behavior including ban evasion, harassment, deliberately misrepresenting
Archived page not showing up? Click here.
Archive system: ReplayWeb.Page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126 / 128
Aug 16
Aug 18
8h ago

Compare the live Level1Techs thread with its permanent Ghostarchive:

- **Ghostarchive (Original State): https://ghostarchive.org/archive/Jn2kd**
- **Live Thread (Manipulated State): https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-illegally-retains-customer-data-and-i-am-taking-legal-action-against-them/253945**

If anyone compares these two versions, the exact proof of identity tampering and forced anonymization is undeniably visible right inside the admin's (wendell) own warning post.

Initially, my real name was left exposed in his response. After I pointed out this GDPR compliance failure, the admin retroactively edited his own staff post to change my name to "anon16379499," but **blatantly refused to delete the actual content and threads.**

The admin tried to silence me but refused to delete my posts because they want to exploit my technical research for their website's traffic and SEO value.

Refusing a formal GDPR erasure request while keeping my copyrighted intellectual property active against my explicit will is **DATA THEFT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT**

Bitu79 27 August 17, 2026, 10:39pm

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Bitu79 28 August 17, 2026, 10:47pm

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Bitu79 29 August 17, 2026, 10:58pm

The Ultimate Cross-Platform Proof: Level1Techs Troll Identified on Google AI Developers Forum

Here is the absolute technical proof of coordinated cross-platform harassment.

The user **Mehdi_zardi** was one of the main trolls attacking my thread on Level1Techs:

- **Level1Techs Thread:** https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-illegally-retains-customer-data-and-i-am-taking-legal-action-against-them/253945
- **Permanent Archive:** https://ghostarchive.org/archive/mIc2Y

This exact same user (**Mehdi_zardi**) is active on the official Google AI Developers Forum, and is documented in **post #29** of the “Bro needs to calm down a bit” thread, publicly begging Faheem_Anis1 (who initiated the ban campaign against me) to take their conversation to private DMs:

- **Google Forum Post #29: https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/bro-needs-to-calm-down-a-bit/177226/29**

This is the ultimate smoking gun. The troll who created a throwaway account on Level1Techs is the exact same person coordinating with my main detractors on the Google forum. The audit trail is absolute, and your collusion is permanently recorded.

Bro needs to calm down a bit

Bitu79 30 August 17, 2026, 11:04pm

https://archive.ph/i3YOw

https://archive.ph/i3YOw/image

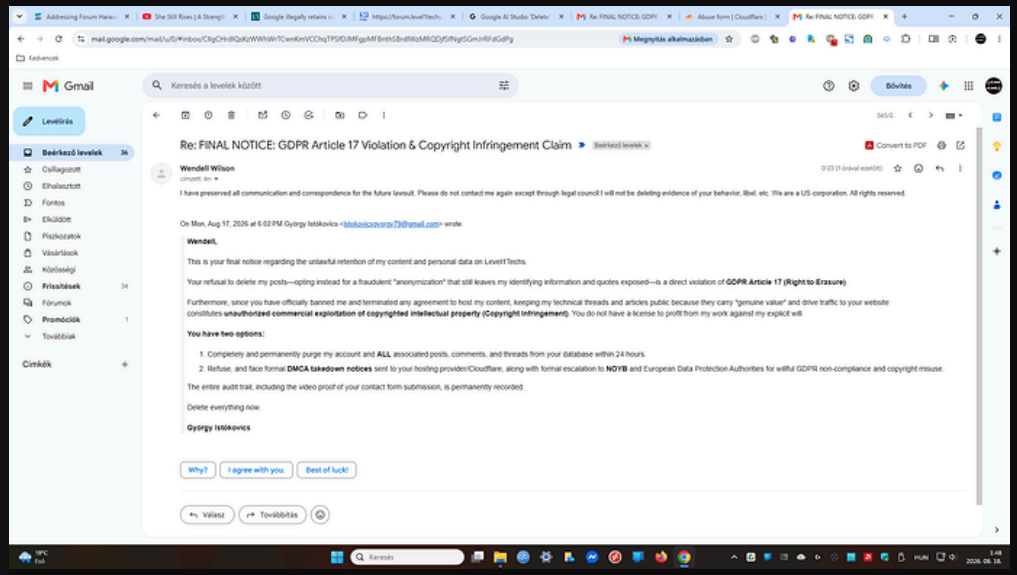
Bitu79 31 August 17, 2026, 11:51pm

UPDATE: DMCA Copyright Infringement Claim Filed

Because Level1Techs administration has refused to delete my copyrighted posts and is actively exploiting my intellectual property for website traffic against my will, I have officially submitted a formal **DMCA Copyright Infringement Claim** via Cloudflare.

The claim has been officially received and processed (Report ID: 94f20f3869e88ce3). The hosting provider is now legally required to address this intellectual property theft.

The audit trail is now complete. Every action taken by the administration to silence me while stealing my work has been documented and filed. Accountability is coming.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2. Refuse, and face formal DMCA takedown notices sent to your hosting provider/Cloudflare, along with formal escalation to NOYB and European Data Protection Authorities for willful GDPR non-compliance and copyright misuse.
The entire audit trail, including the video proof of your contact form submission, is permanently recorded.
Delete everything now.
György Istókovics
Why?
I agree with you.
Best of luck!
Válasz
Továbbítás

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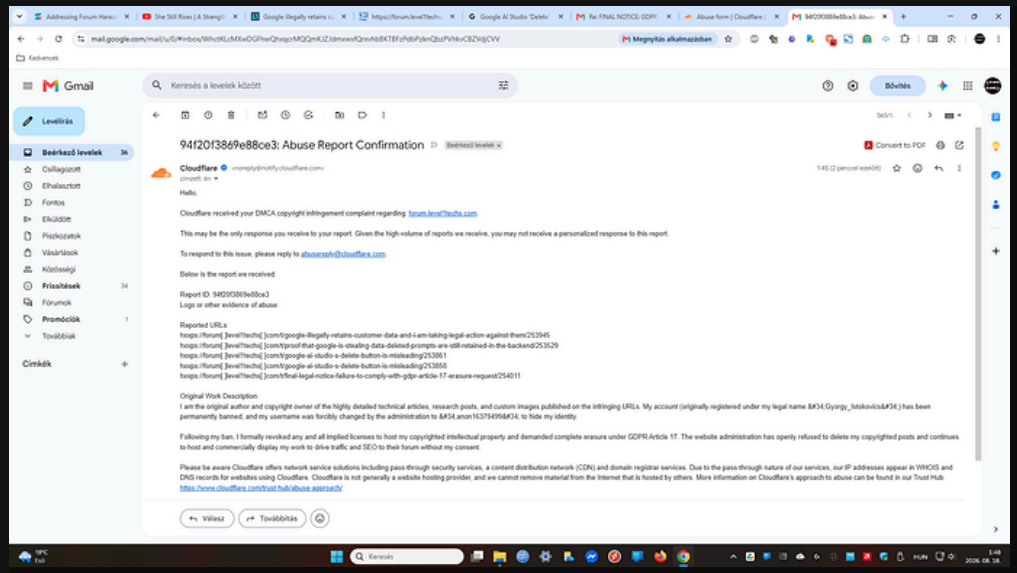
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Hello.
Cloudflare received your DMCA copyright infringement complaint regarding forum.level1techs.com.
This may be the only response you receive to your report. Given the high volume of reports we receive, you may not receive a personalized response to this report.
To respond to this issue, please reply to abusereply@cloudflare.com.
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Original Work Description:
I am the original author and copyright owner of the highly detailed technical articles, research posts, and custom images published on the infringing URLs. My account (originally registered under my legal name "Gyorgy_Istokovics") has been permanently banned, and my username was forcibly changed by the administration to "anon16379499" to hide my identity.
Following my ban, I formally revoked any and all implied licenses to host my copyrighted intellectual property and demanded complete erasure under GDPR Article 17. The website administration has openly refused to delete my copyrighted posts and continues to host and commercially display my work to drive traffic and SEO to their forum without my consent.
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Bitu79 32 August 17, 2026, 11:58pm

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Bitu79 33 August 18, 2026, 7:40am

> Bitu79:
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> **Update on Level1Techs Censorship & GDPR Violation:**

After bringing unassailable technical proof regarding Google AI Studio’s backend data retention to Level1Techs, the forum administration ultimately banned my account and silenced my presence.

Following the ban, I formally exercised my **Right to Erasure under GDPR Article 17**, demanding the complete deletion of my account and all associated posts. Instead of honoring this legal request, the site owner chose a fraudulent path: **they kept my posts public while merely changing my username to an anonymous handle.** They refused to delete my intellectual property because my technical findings drive traffic and SEO value to their website.

This is pure hypocrisy and content theft. They want to silence the author, but they want to keep the views for themselves.

Here is the complete, permanently archived documentation of the original threads, the unlisted topics, and the evidence of this ongoing GDPR violation:

1. Main Indictment Thread:

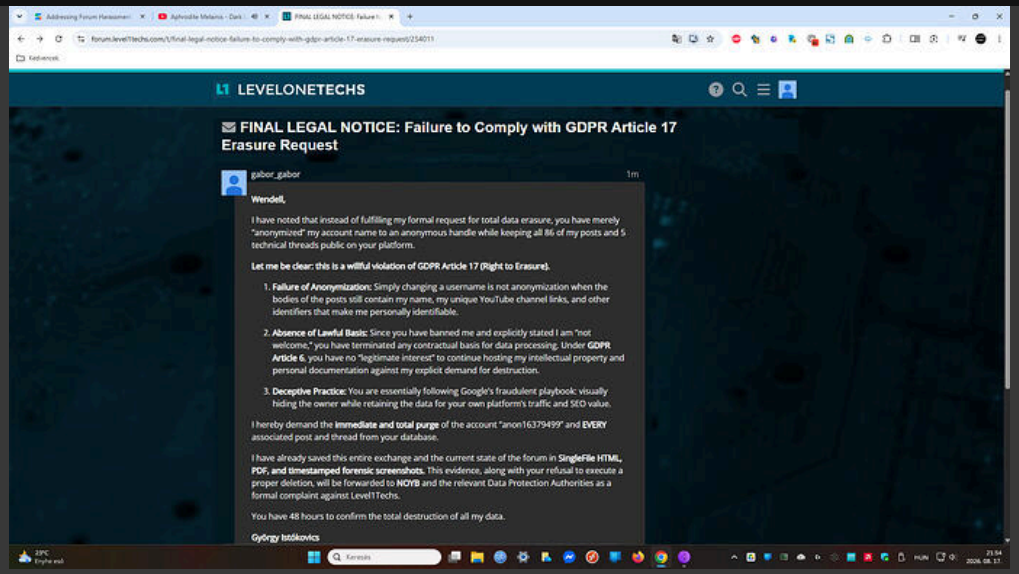
- Topic: **https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-illegally-retains-customer-data-and-i-am-taking-legal-action-against-them/253945**
- Archive: **https://ghostarchive.org/archive/Jn2kd**

2. Second Supporting Thread:

- Topic: **https://forum.level1techs.com/t/proof-that-google-is-stealing-data-deleted-prompts-are-still-retained-in-the-backend/253529**
- Archive: **https://archive.ph/yu8FK** (**Image**)

3. Unlisted (Hidden) Technical Topics:

- Topic A: **https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-ai-studio-s-delete-button-is-misleading/253861**
  - Archive: **https://archive.ph/bNMyE** (**Image**)
- Topic B: **https://forum.level1techs.com/t/google-ai-studio-s-delete-button-is-misleading/253858**
  - Archive: **https://archive.ph/6Rq6r** (**Image**)


LEVELONETECHS
FINAL LEGAL NOTICE: Failure to Comply with GDPR Article 17 Erasure Request
gabor_gabor
1m
Wendell,
I have noted that instead of fulfilling my formal request for total data erasure, you have merely "anonymized" my account name to an anonymous handle while keeping all 86 of my posts and 5 technical threads public on your platform.
Let me be clear: this is a willful violation of GDPR Article 17 (Right to Erasure).
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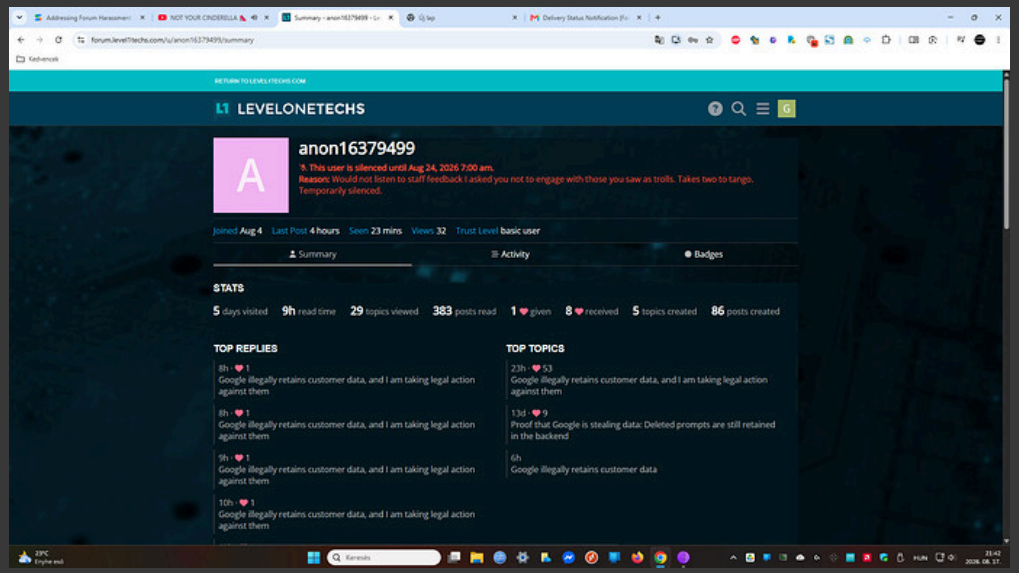
2. Absence of Lawful Basis: Since you have banned me and explicitly stated I am "not welcome," you have terminated any contractual basis for data processing. Under GDPR Article 6, you have no "legitimate interest" to continue hosting my intellectual property and personal documentation against my explicit demand for destruction.
3. Deceptive Practice: You are essentially following Google's fraudulent playbook: visually hiding the owner while retaining the data for your own platform's traffic and SEO value.
I hereby demand the immediate and total purge of the account "anon16379499" and EVERY associated post and thread from your database.
I have already saved this entire exchange and the current state of the forum in SingleFile HTML, PDF, and timestamped forensic screenshots. This evidence, along with your refusal to execute a proper deletion, will be forwarded to NOYB and the relevant Data Protection Authorities as a formal complaint against Level1Techs.
You have 48 hours to confirm the total destruction of all my data.
György Istókovics


LEVELONETECHS
anon16379499
This user is silenced until Aug 24, 2026 7:00 am.
Reason: Would not listen to staff feedback I asked you not to engage with those you saw as trolls. Takes two to tango.
Temporarily silenced.
Joined Aug 4 Last Post 4 hours Seen 23 mins Views 32 Trust Level basic user
Summary
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5 days visited 9h read time 29 topics viewed 383 posts read 1 given 8 received 5 topics created 86 posts created
TOP REPLIES
8h · 1
Google illegally retains customer data, and I am taking legal action against them
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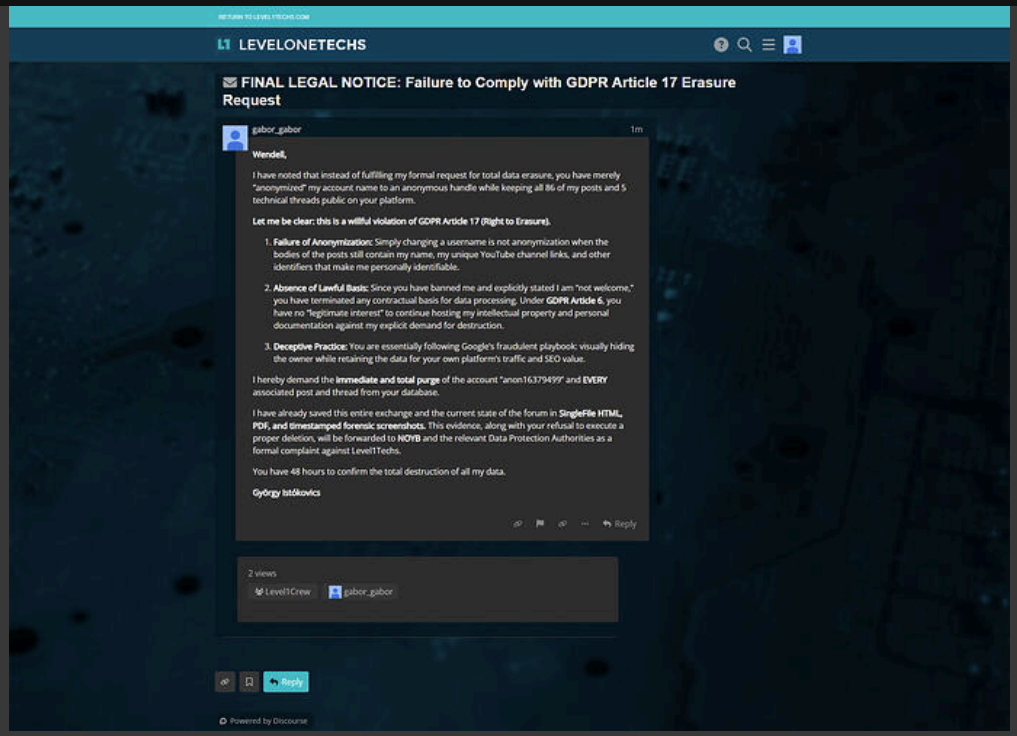
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CRITICAL NOTE FOR REVIEWERS (How to verify the Identity Tampering): When opening the archived link provided below, it may default to showing the most recent snapshot where the username was already altered. You must check the history or snapshots section of the archive and click back to view the earlier versions. Those earlier snapshots conclusively prove that the content was originally published under my real forum identity before the administrator retroactively manipulated the database.

Bitu79 34 August 18, 2026, 7:46am

https://archive.ph/ikdi7

https://archive.ph/ikdi7/image

ThiagoCF 35 August 18, 2026, 1:58pm

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You are demanding enterprise-level Zero Data Retention guarantees from a free tier tool whose explicit terms you agreed to and failed to read.

Honestly, spending weeks obsessively archiving pages, opening dozens of repetitive threads, and desperately seeking validation online looks far more like the behavior of a frustrated teenager than that of an actual tech professional.

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The Audit Trail of Platform Collusion and Target Campaigns

Bitu79 36 August 18, 2026, 2:12pm

@ThiagoCF Look at you, acting like an absolute tech visionary just because you know the words “Ollama” and “Enterprise API.” You are out here selling corporate excuses better than Horst Fuchs on WS Teleshop—are you going to throw in a free set of kitchen knives with that Google defense?

Let’s educate you on basic software architecture and European law:

1. **GDPR Article 17 (Right to Erasure) does not require a paid subscription.** Statutory law applies to every single user in the EU. A corporate TOS cannot grant a legal loophole to secretly retain backend data after promising deletion.
2. **If a button says “Delete,” it must delete.** Promising permanent data destruction on the UI while secretly keeping active session tokens on the backend is deceptive data retention (UI Fraud), regardless of whether the sandbox is free or paid.

Instead of playing the arrogant infomercial salesman telling people to “go study,” try opening an actual data protection law book. You don’t get to bypass statutory rights just because an account is on the free tier. Sit down.

Bitu79 37 August 18, 2026, 2:19pm

https://archive.ph/9hdft

https://archive.ph/9hdft/image

Bitu79 38 August 18, 2026, 3:10pm

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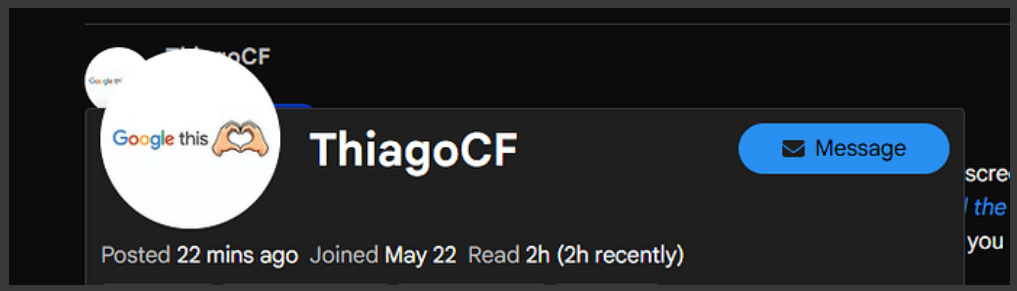
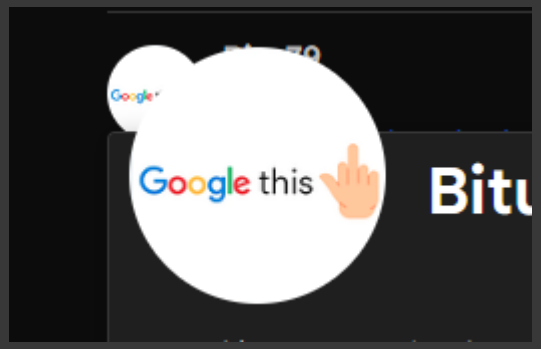
My profile picture: **“Google this 🖕”** (Middle finger).
ThiagoCF’s profile picture: **“Google this 🫶”** (Heart hands).

This guy literally copied my profile picture style and made a Google-worshipping, heart-shaped version out of it just to parody me!
They are even ripping off my graphic design style now xD





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ChatGPT completely fucked this up… because Level1 is a total piece of shit…

Here is the fixed meme image:

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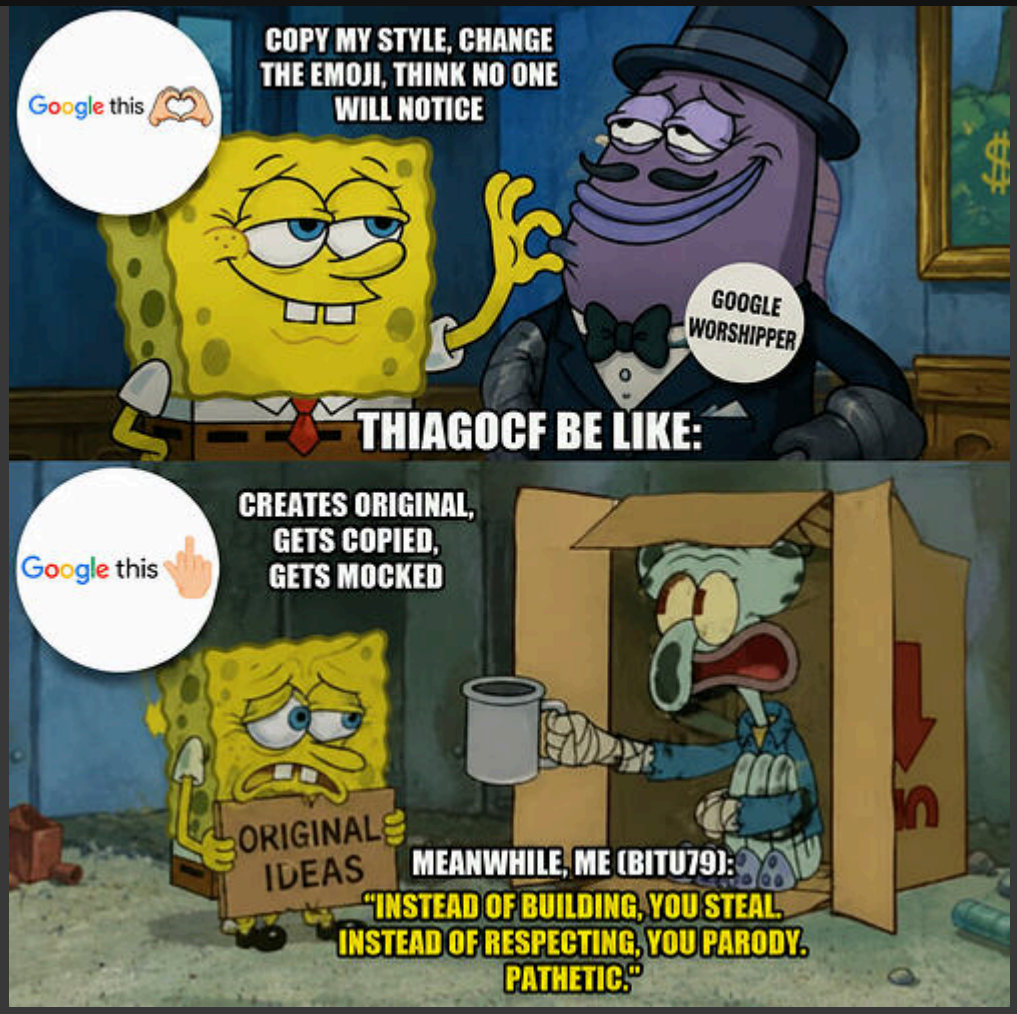
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CREATES ORIGINAL, GETS COPIED, GETS MOCKED
ORIGINAL IDEAS
MEANWHILE, ME (BITU79):
"INSTEAD OF BUILDING, YOU STEAL. INSTEAD OF RESPECTING, YOU PARODY. PATHETIC."

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Look at you @ThiagoCF, you finally got what you wanted: you're officially famous now! Enjoy the spotlight, copycat. 🫶

Bitu79 39 August 18, 2026, 3:15pm

https://archive.org/details/google-ai-studio-delete-fraud-level-1-techs-community-fails-to-disprove-the-gdpr

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Bitu79 40 August 18, 2026, 3:18pm

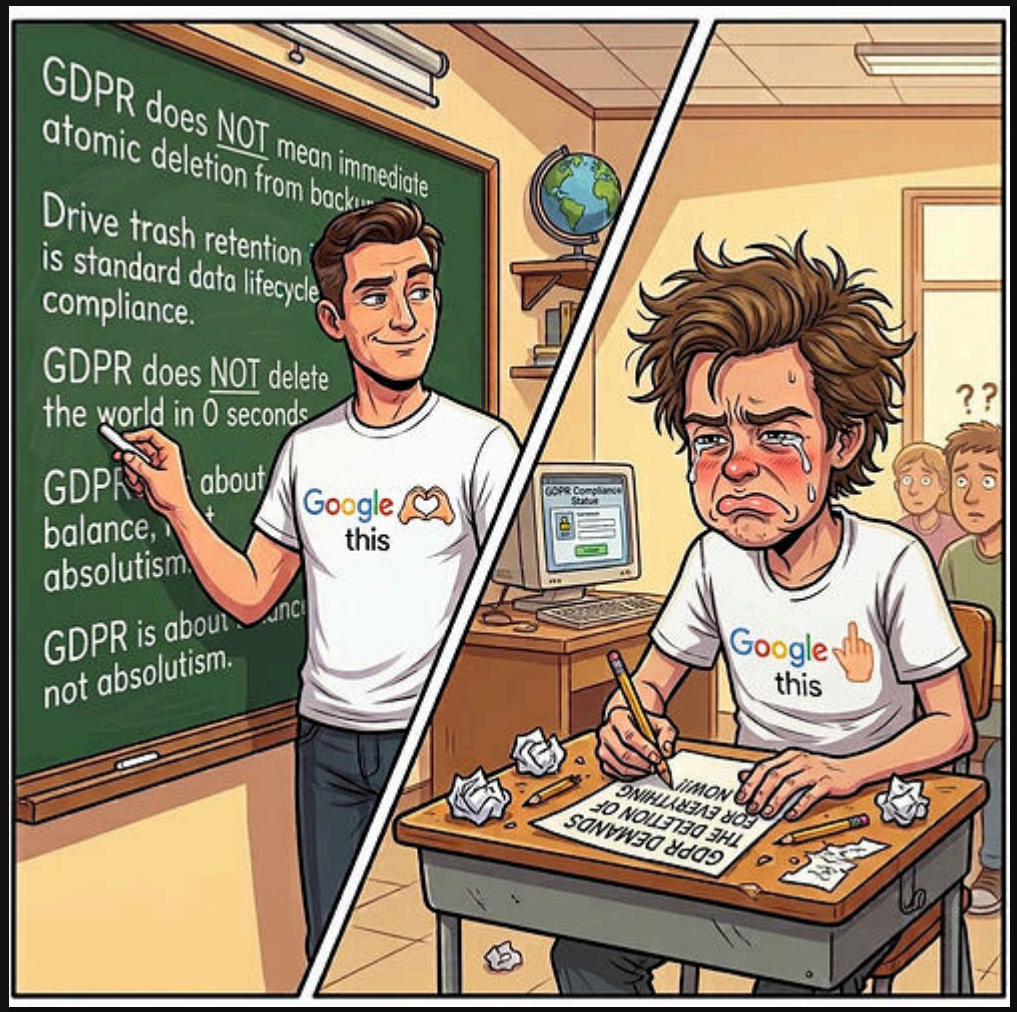
https://archive.ph/Q7t1e

https://archive.ph/Q7t1e/image

ThiagoCF 41 August 18, 2026, 11:25pm

@Bitu79 That meme is so painfully cluttered with walls of text and panic graphics that I couldn’t even bother reading half of it.

ThiagoCF 42 August 18, 2026, 11:26pm


GDPR does NOT mean immediate atomic deletion from back
Drive trash retention is standard data lifecycle compliance.
GDPR does NOT delete the world in 0 seconds
GDPR about balance, absolutism.
GDPR is about not absolutism.
Google this
GDPR Compliance Status
??
Google this
GDPR DEMANDS THE DELETION OF FOR EVERYTHING NOW!!

Bitu79 43 August 19, 2026, 1:20am

@ThiagoCF

You are living in a dream world, trying to feed the forum a completely fake, distorted corporate fairy tale to defend Google. You are explaining corporate excuses at the chalkboard like a teacher, claiming that GDPR

doesn’t mean immediate deletion from backups, while depicting me as a crying kid at the desk.

If you truly didn’t care, you wouldn’t be generating custom, complex AI graphics featuring my unique logos. You have all completely lost your minds because I dismantled your little world using AI and JSON logs, and now, out of sheer helplessness, you are trying to turn my own weapon—meme generation—against me, with zero originality.

The image you generated is complete nonsense. What kind of backup fairy tale are you trying to sell me regarding prompt fraud? You are incorrectly confusing this with the automatic flushing of the Google Drive trash. I proved through JSON log restoration and live backend responses that data does not disappear from the active database backend after pressing delete.

Yet you keep trying to convince me that the JSON *is* the prompt. You are as clueless as they come!

The UI is lying: Under GDPR, when the user interface explicitly tells the user that data is “Deleted,” but it demonstrably remains identifiable in active backend dataflows, that is intentional deception and data fraud, not a “standard data lifecycle.”

You think you can change technical facts with a teacher meme while I proved with raw JSON restoration that Google never deleted anything from the BACKEND—the deletion process didn’t even start. Google merely hides the JSON, which is just a pointer. The actual PROMPT remains untouched on the BACKEND.

You are living in an alternative reality. Keep drawing your alternative corporate reality on your chalkboard in your little Google-heart t-shirt, while in actual reality, intentional deception and data fraud have been proven against Google—which you are lyingly calling a “data lifecycle” in your little Google-shielded bubble. You don’t even grasp what you had the machine generate for you because you are that clueless!

LIVING IN A DREAM WORLD
CORPORATE FAIRY TALE
GDPR doesn't mean immediate deletion from backups.
This is a standard data lifecycle.
Drive trash retention is normal.
The JSON is the prompt.
BACKUPS EXIST! IT'S NOT IMMEDIATE! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE LIFECYCLE!
Google this
Google Shielded Bubble
You (The Truth Teller)
Google this
Move prompt to trash
Are you sure? Your prompt will be permanently deleted after 30 days.
Cancel
Delete
THE UI IS LYING.
Telling users "Deleted" while data remains identifiable in active backend dataflows = INTENTIONAL DECEPTION and DATA FRAUD, not a "lifecycle".
REALITY (THE TRUTH)
PROVEN: NOTHING IS DELETED FROM THE ACTIVE BACKEND DATABASE.
You click DELETE in the UI.
Only the JSON (a pointer) disappears from view.
The actual PROMPT remains untouched in the BACKEND.
JSON is NOT the prompt. It's just a reference.
Chat continues as if nothing was deleted. No error. No deletion process.
ACTIVE BACKEND DATABASE
YOUR PROMPT (STILL HERE)
NEVER RECEIVED DELETE COMMAND
Gemini
Chat restarted successfully. No error.
Your prompt is still here.
PROOF BY JSON RESTORATION & LIVE BACKEND RESPONSES.
DELETION NEVER EVEN STARTED.
Bitu79
Google this
Facts > Fairy Tales
EVIDENCE
JSON RESTORATION
LIVE BACKEND RESPONSES
CHAT CONTINUES
NO ERRORS
FACT:
If Google really deleted from the backend, the chat with the AI could not restart.
It would return an error:
"No such prompt."
But it doesn't.
Because the data was NEVER deleted.
THIS IS NOT A LIFECYCLE.
THIS IS DATA FRAUD.

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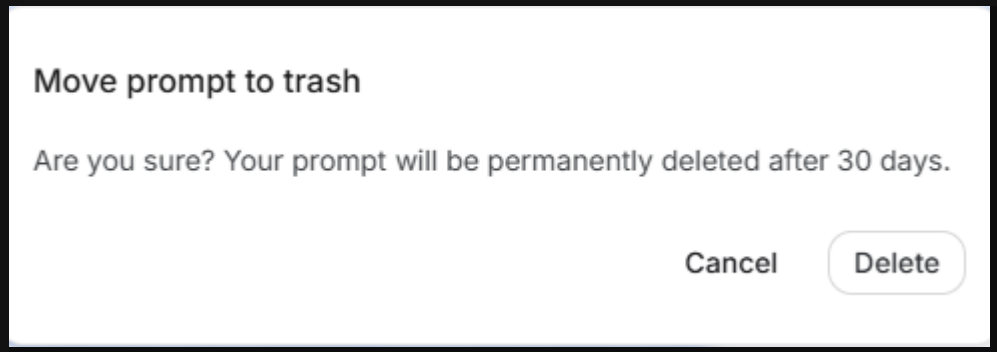

@ThiagoCF

Digest the text on that button for a moment. The prompt is demonstrably NOT the JSON file; provably only that tiny JSON pointer goes into the trash, and nothing else. Therefore, Google's corporate excuse is a provable, undeniable lie—just like the amateur logic you're defending.

Related topics

Topic	Replies	Views	Activity
Technical Evidence Demonstrating That Google AI Studio's "Delete" Function Does Not Delete Backend Data generative-ai	25	440	July 16, 2026
CRITICAL: Google AI Studio's "Delete" Button is a UI Fraud (Video + Server Log Proof) gemini-api	16	226	July 13, 2026
Google illegally retains customer data, and I am taking legal action against them	40	1695	August 8, 2026

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Google AI Studio’s “Delete” button is misleading gemini-api	16	441	July 7, 2026
Proven intentional data retention after deletion in Google AI Studio – official GDPR complaint submitted to the DPO ai-studio	8	191	July 18, 2026